(b) Does not arise.

Keeping of Religious Books in ITDC Hotels

133. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that only the copies of the Holy Bible are kept in the hotels of I.T.D.C. and not the copies of Holy Bhagwat Gita and Holy Koran ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore ; and

(c) whether Government intend to keep the copies of all Holy Religious Books in I.T.D.C. hotels in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) Holy Books donated by religious Institutions are kept in the hotels of ITDC. These include 'Shrimad Bhagwat Gita', 'Bible', 'Teachings of Buddha' and 'Selection from the Holy Granth'.

(c) As per existing instructions issued by I.T.D.C., all its Hotels/ Forest Lodges/Travellers Lodges are to keep Religious Books donated by religious institutions.

Development of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

134. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent certain proposals to develop National Highways in that State ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government have approved them and if so, the details of funds allotted therefor ; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) Development of National Highways is a continuing process and proposals received from the States are examined with respect to Plan provisions as and when these are received. In recent past, 4 alignment proposals, 12 Technical Appraisals and 16 estimates were received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh concerning the National Highways.

(c) and (d) Out of the above, 5 Technical Appraisals and 7 estimates have been approved. An allocation of Rs. 18.00 crores has been made for the State of Andhra Pradesh during 1989-90 for the development of various approved works on the National Highways.

Training of Pilots/Engineers abroad

135. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to depute Indian Airlines and Air India Pilots and Engineers for training abroad for flying sophisticated and Hi-Tech Air buses ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) In so far as Indian Airlines is concerned, 77 Executives/Engineers/ Training Officers have already been trained on Airbus A-320 Airframe, Engine and Avionics Systems. An

additional 45 Engineers are at present undergoing training at the manufacturer's facility. 152 pilots from the Boeing-737 cadre have been earmarked for training abroad on A-320 aircraft out of which 62 pilots are already under training at various stages.

As regards Air India there is no proposal at present to depute pilots, flight engineers/ground engineers on training aborad in connection with the flying of Airbus A-300/A-310 aircraft.

Incentives to Private Sector to Invest in Hotel Industry

136. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have notified some incentives to Private Sector to invest in Hotel Industry in order to promote Tourism in the country ; and

(b) if so, what are details in this regard ?

THE MINSITER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving details of incentives given to Private Sector to invest in hotel industry is attached.

Statement

Details of Incentives given to private sector to invest in Hotel Industry

Fiscal & others:

(i) Tax exemption in respect of Foreign Exchange Profits under Section 80 HHD of Income Tax Act.

(ii) Tax exemption under section 80CC in respect of investment in new equity.

(iii) Tax Holiday under Section 80-I in respect of 25% of the profits.

(iv) Higher Depreciation Allowance @15 instead of 10% in respect of furniture and fittings.

(v) Tax exemption under Section 80 HH in respect of 20 of profits from hotels set up in backward areas.

(vi) Central investment subsidy on hotels set up in backward areas.

(vii) Enhancement of rate of interest subsidy to 3% for loans granted to 1, 2 and 3 star categories of hotels, by IFCI/TFCI/SFCs.

(viii) Interest Rebate of 20% linked to foreign exchange earnings during the particular year.

(ix) Incentive Quota of Foreign exchange @10% of total earnings for essential imports, publicity and promotion abroad.

(x) Concessional Customs duty on imports of specific equipment/machinery.

(xi) Exemption from Sections 21 and 22 of Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act.

(xii) Priority allotment of L.P.G. gas/telephone/telex connections and other needs.